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## NOTES ON HYPERA MARITIMA (TITUS). (COLEOPTERA: CURCULIONIDAE)

At present this species is known to occur only in Massachusetts: it was originally described from Nantucket Island, Martha's Vineyard Island, and Chatham. The late C. A. Frost collected several specimens at Harwich Port, which like Chatham is located on the Nantucket Sound side of Cape Cod.

Investigation at Harwich Port resulted in the discovery of three adults in early July; the following year larvae were found in early June feeding in the buds of Beach-Pea, *Lathyrus maritimus* (L.) Bigel according to Gleason (1958, The new Britton and Brown illustrated flora . . .) or *L. japonicus* Willd. according to Fernald (1950, Gray's Manual of botany, 8th ed.). Adults were reared from the larvae.

The host plant is widely distributed in the cooler parts of Eurasia and North America according to Gleason. In view of this Mr. R. T. Thompson, British Museum (N. H. ), conducted a brief, preliminary study of *H. maritima* and is of the opinion that it is distinct from the European *Hypera* in the British Museum; I am grateful for his aid.

The existence of a species of *Hypera* apparently native to the United States and with such a singularly limited distribution as *H. maritima* is of great interest. This work was aided by grant GB 1442 from National Science Foundation.—D. G. KISSINGER, *Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass.*

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## BEETLE TALK

The following proposals concerning the scientific names of beetles were placed before the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature:

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